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MEMORANDUM FOR: Vice Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
SUBJECT: Trip to DOE/Weapons Intelligence Panel Meeting

I have been invited to a meeting of the Weapons Intelligence Panel of the Department of Energy, to be held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 29-30 June 1982. I plan to discuss with them my concerns on the quality of the intelligence data on Soviet nuclear weapons, in order to assist the DOE research program in this area, and so that I can get a better feeling for the uncertainties and problems in this area of intelligence.


Lawrence K. Gershwin

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MEMORANDUM FOR Dr. Lawrence Gershwin, NIO/SP
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The Department of Energy/Weapons Intelligence Panel (DOE/WIP) was chartered in November, 1980. One of its purposes is to function as a two-way window between the Intelligence Community and the DOE--especially to bring the unique capabilities which reside in DOE's National Laboratories and nuclear facilities to bear on appropriate foreign weapons intelligence problems. Strategic nuclear weapons are perhaps the most serious threat to the United States and free societies. The DOE/WIP would be very appreciative, if you, as National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs (NIO/SP), could attend our next meeting and discuss your office and the problems which you encounter. In return, we would like to introduce the DOE, particularly the intelligence components of the national laboratories and integrated contractors. So far, we have found this kind of exchange to be beneficial to all parties.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 29-30, 1982 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. I have included you on distribution for the meeting notice which is being sent to panel members. I hope you will be able to attend.

Please send DOE Form 277 to DOE Headquarters, OISA, for clearance to visit Oak Ridge facilities. Anna Bondarenko, 252-2104, can answer questions about this. Special clearances should be passed via the usual SSO channels.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Robert I. Rubinstein
Chairman, DOE/WIP
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